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Dear Dr. Sharon Benz:

I am a dog, cat and horse owner, and I am extremely concerned about removal from sale of supplements designed for animals. I am not aware of such a significant number of adverse events that action this drastic should be warranted.

I want supplements that are designed by veterinarians or others knowledgeable in animal physiology, and that are appropriate in dose and chemistry for my dog, cat and horses.

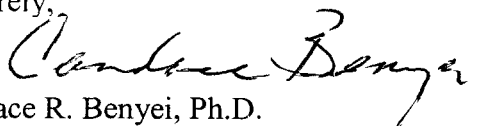
I believe that if these supplements are made illegal, research on supplements for companion animals will be stifled, and we want research on these helpful but non-patentable substances.

With animal supplements removed from sale, people will be left with no choice but to reach for human supplements which are not formulated for animals. They will have to guess at what course of action is best for the pet they dearly love.

Removal of animal supplements from sale will not solve the problem; indeed, it will significantly worsen the situation. Please, let's avoid a "New Prohibition" of substances that we have used safely and successfully for many years. Let's find a way to ensure quality control and truth in labeling without removing effective supplements made by reputable companies.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,


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